

CLERK: Mr. President, a series of motions by Senator Wesely, the first to place LB 814 on General File notwithstanding the action of the Revenue Committee. Same motions are filed with respect to LB 806, and LB 824. Those will all be laid over, Mr. President. And, I believe...one other item. Senator Coordsen has amendments to LB 420 to be printed. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 1436-37 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Before I proceed, I would like to introduce some guests to the Legislature today. They are guests of Senator Avery. We have Jim Warren and Norm Conley from Gretna, and they're under the north balcony. Would you please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. We will proceed to Item 8 on the agenda and the motion by Senator Withem to place LB 76 on General File.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Withem has a motion found on page 966 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. This motion is a motion to bring LB 76 to the floor; it is not a motion, just so everybody is aware, it's not a motion to place it on General File notwithstanding the action of the committee. It is an alternative motion available to us in the rules that allows us to move a bill to the floor of the Legislature after a committee has held the bill with no action after 20 calendar days. That is the case of LB 76. I'd like to explain to you a little bit about what LB 76 is. If you look at your bill book, your first bill book, you will find that about a third of that entire book is taken up by LB 76, it's a very big bill. It is the rewrite, the recodification of the election statutes that was introduced this session by Senators Baack, Schimek and Withem. It is the culmination of years of work on election law. Go back to my early days as a member of this body when Senator Dave Landis was chairing the Government Committee. Each year we would have a series of...there he comes as a great actor. He heard his name and he enters onto the stage. We had a number...a series of election law changes practically every year in front of the Government Committee. At that time we began talking about the need to recodify election statutes. This went on during the time that Senator Baack was the chair of